Maine Public Libraries FY2002 Summary

For the purposes of data reporting, Maine's public libraries are broken down into the following population categories: under 1,000; 1,000-2,500; 5,000-10,000; 10,000-25,000; and over 25,000. Of the 274 public libraries that are recognized by the Maine State Library, 75% are located in Legal Service Area (see definitions page 2) under 5,000. Total Legal Service Area (LSA) in Maine is now at 1,190,398. Although this figure has grown with the addition of new libraries and contributing towns, there is still a population of 96,272 that is unserved. Of the 274 public libraries, 115 are in the Northeastern District serving a LSA of 331,985; 93 are in the Central District serving an LSA of 393,248; and 66 are in the Southern District serving an LSA of 465,165.

All service levels have steadily risen. This year total circulation reached 8,387,545. Of that figure 2,704,489 (or 32%) was reported as Juvenile Circulation (35 libraries do not break this figure down). Per Cap Circulation was 7.05.

Total collection figures have also risen. Total collection for FY2002 was 5,866,945 with 1,488,768 reported as juvenile collection (48 libraries did not report a figure). Total Audio materials were 121,500 and Video totals were 139,503. Subscriptions were actually down by 200 from last year, probably largely due to free access to electronic databases.

In FY02, 5,578,256 patrons visited libraries. Number of items circulated per library visit was 1.5; number of reference transactions per library visit was.14; and number of users of electronic resources per library visit was .24.*

There were 16,626 children's programs in FY2002 with an attendance of 262,663. Attendance figures increased over 3,000 since FY01.

Number of Interlibrary Loans received increased by 6,919 (56,027 total for FY02). ILL's provided were down slightly from last year, 42,262 were reported this year. Of the 274 public libraries, 214 borrowed items from ILL, 129 libraries provided items.

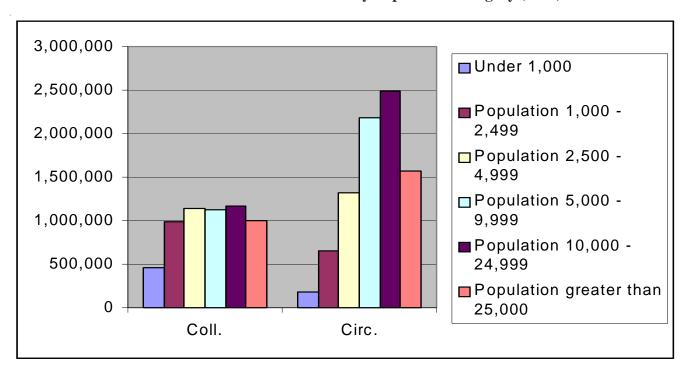
The statistics under the Electronic Technology section of the annual report have grown considerably. There are only 15 libraries in the state now that don't have a computer (of those 15, there a few libraries that may have a computer but they have not filed a report for several years). Thanks in large part to the Maine Schools and Libraries Network, of the 259 libraries that report at least one computer, 250 of these report access to the Internet. 247 libraries report at least one computer available to the public. There were 25,233 Users of Electronic Resources Per Week. 185 libraries report subscribing to the Maine Libraries discussion list (MELIBS).

Staffing saw some slight declines in FY2002. Total FTE ALA-MLS librarians went from 142 in FY01 to 138 in FY02, although the FTE figure for persons with the title of librarian went up slightly from 305 in FY01 to 313 in FY02. Other FTE paid employees was down by 10 and Total FTE Paid Employees was down by 1 (687 reported in FY02).

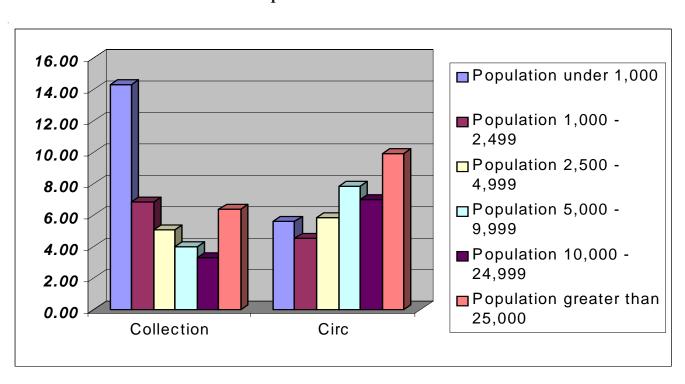
Total Operating Income (revenue) was up \$1,580,577 (\$29,498,322 in FY02). A Per Cap figure of 24.78. Total Operating Expenditures were increased by \$2,362,533 (\$28,937,435 in FY02). A Per Cap figure of 24.31.

^{*32} Libraries did not report Library Visits; 10 libraries did not report any Circulation figures; 60 libraries did not report any Reference figures and; 50 libraries did not report any figure for Users of Electronic Materials.

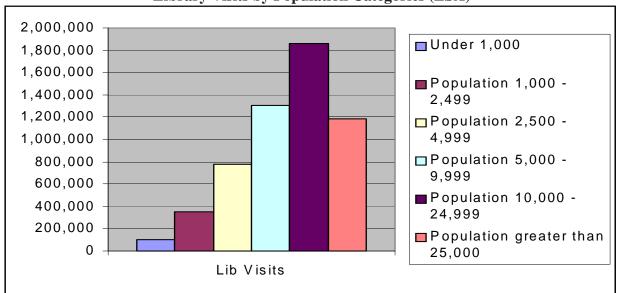
Total Circulation and Collection by Population Category (LSA)



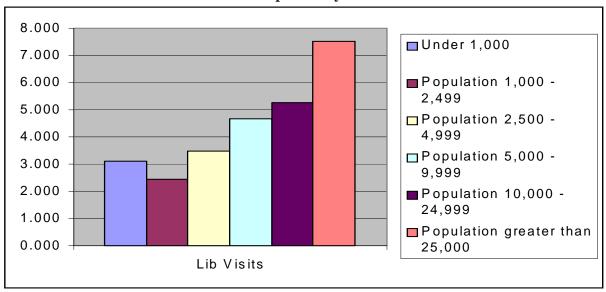
Per Cap Circulation and Collection



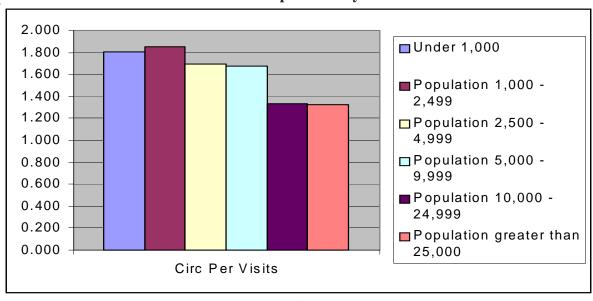
Library Visits by Population Categories (LSA)



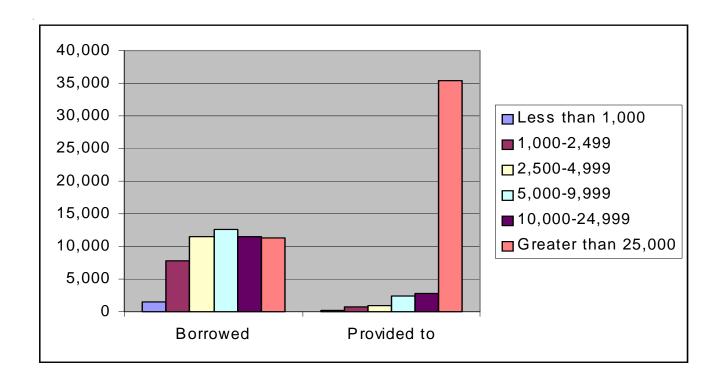
Per Cap Library Visits



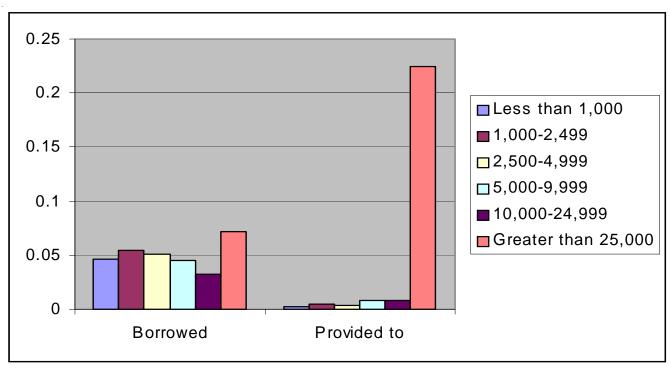
Circulation per Library Visits



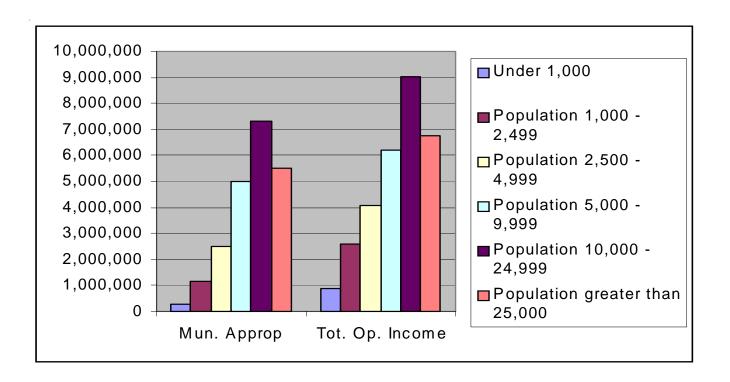
Interlibrary Loans Borrowed and Provided to by Poplulation Categories (LSA)



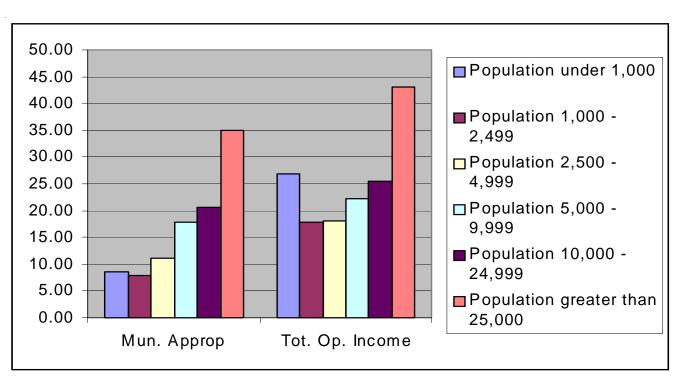
Per Cap Interlibrary Loans Borrowed and Provided to



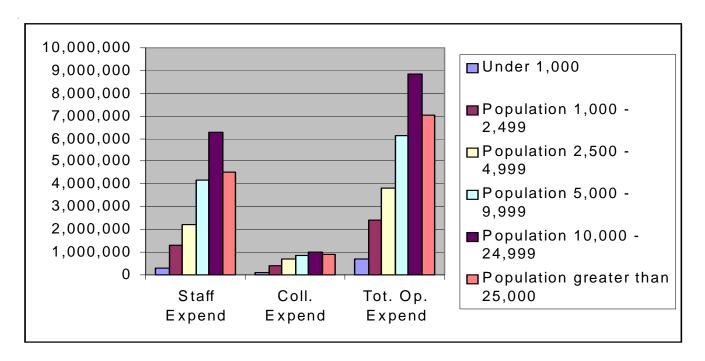
Municipal Appropriations and Total Operating Income by Population Categories (LSA)



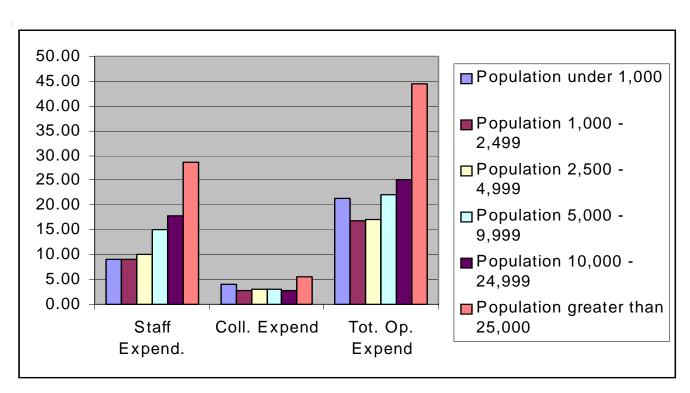
Per Cap Municipal Appropriations and Total Operating Income



Staff Expenditures, Collection Expenditures and Total Operating Expenditures by Population Category (LSA)

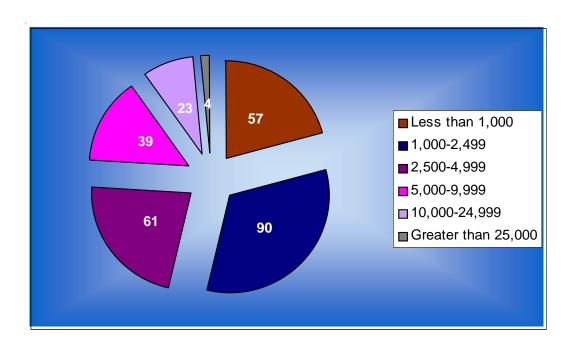


Per Cap Staff Expenditures, Collection Expenditures and Total Operating Expenditures

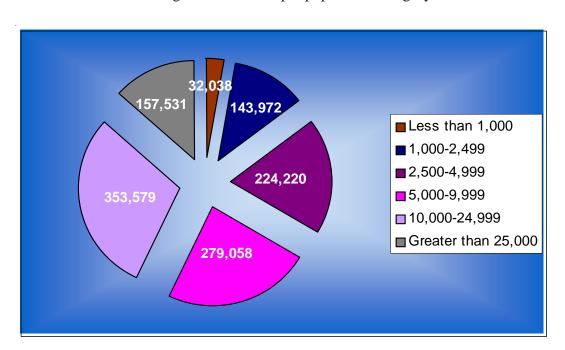


Libraries in Maine

Total number of libraries per population category

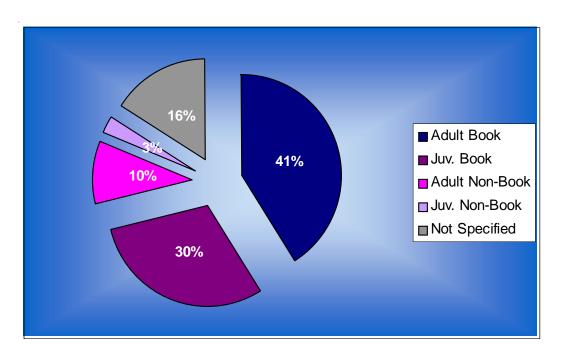


Total Legal Service Area per population category



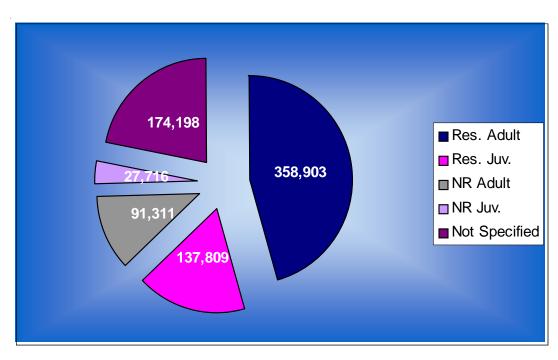
Circulation Figures

Percentage breakdown of Adult Book Circulation, Juvenile Book Circulation, Adult Non-Book Circulation and Juvenile Non-Book Circulation.



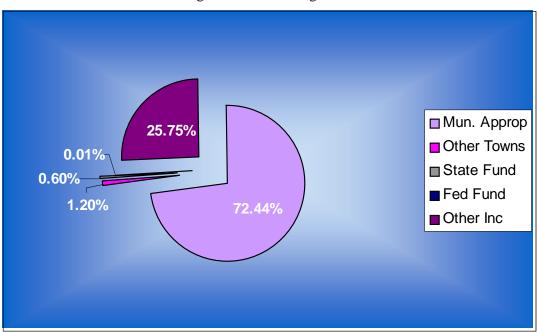
Registered Users

Number of Resident Adults, Resident Juveniles, Non-Resident Adults and Non-Resident Juveniles



Operating Income (Revenue)

Percentage breakdown of Municipal Appropriations, Appropriations from Other Towns, State Funding, Federal Funding and Other Income



Operating Expenditures

Percentage breakdown of Salaries, Benefits, Collection Expenditures, and Other Expenditures

